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SUBJECT: CYPRUS: SHAFIC REPORT OF CEASEFIRE VIOLATIONS

1. SHAFIC FOREIGN LIAISON OFFICER, COL ROUSSOS, AT DIRECTION OF DCINCHELFOR, LTGEN KYRIAKOPOULOS, CAME TO EMBASSY AT 1800 HRS TO REGISTER URGENT COMPLAINT ABOUT TURKISH VIOLATIONS OF CEASE FIRE. KYRIAKOPOULOS TEMPORARILY IN CHARGE IN ABSENCE OF BONANOS, WHO ATTENDING VIRTUAL COUNCIL OF STATE CONSIDERING OBVIOUSLY WEIGHTY, BUT UNKNOWN, MATTER.

2. ROUSSOS REPORTED THAT PHONE REPORT FROM GREEK HEADQUARTERS, NICOSIA, INDICATED TURKISH FORCES, THROUGH SOME SUBTERFUGE, HAD TAKEN OVER NICOSIA AIRPORT FROM UNFICYP TROOPS. UNFICYP SUSPECTED OF COMPLICITY IN AFFAIR.

3. ROUSSOS ALSO RELAYED INFO FROM SAME REPORT TO EFFECT THAT TURKISH M-48 TANKS WERE ROAMING STREETS OF DOWNTOWN NICOSIA, SOUTH OF GREEN LINE. NO FIRING INVOLVED, BUT THEY "PLAYING GAMES WITH GREEK OFFICERS", WHOSE PHILOTIMO SEVERELY INJURED.

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HE RELAYED STRONGEST POSSIBLE PLEA FROM KYRIAKOPOULOS THAT WE

"DO SOMETHING" ABOUT SITUATION.

4. AAIRATT RECEIVED PHONE CALL AT SAME TIME FROM HAF BG
SKOUTELIS, FORMER AIR ATTACHE' IN WASHINGTON, WHO CLAIMED
THAT GREEKS WOULD MOVE WITHIN ONE HOUR IF SOMETHING NOT DONE.

5. FOR NICOSIA. PLEASE CONFIRM OR DENY REPORTS SOONEST. WE HAVE
ENTREATED GREEKS TO BE PATIENT SO LONG THAT OUR ABILITY TO
PREVENT SOME GREEK REACTION MAY BE EXTREMELY LIMITED.
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